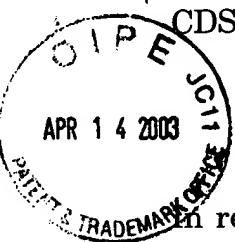


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In re Application of:

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For: DUAL LAYER ELECTROPLATED
STRUCTURE FOR A FLAT PANEL
DISPLAY DEVICE

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AMENDMENTS
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed March 6, 2003, the Examiner has stated that the present Application contains two distinct inventions. As such, the Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Specifically, the Examiner has required the Applicants to elect between a first invention, Group I, recited in Claims 1-6 and, further, in Claims 10-13, drawn to a method for forming a dual layer electroplated structure, classified in Class 205, subclass 122, and a second invention, Group II, recited in Claims 7-9, drawn to a dual layer apparatus, classified in Class 313, subclass 313.

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE BETWEEN
GROUP I AND GROUP II

Applicants elect without traverse Group II, recited in 7-9, drawn to a dual layer apparatus, classified in Class 313, subclass 313.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 10-13 are canceled herein. Claims remaining in the instant case are Claims 7-9.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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